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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll Tax returns at present cover approximately 75 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organizations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act when originally introduced in 1941 required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. Prior to 1st September, 1954, when the present exemption limit was introduced, employment recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns covered approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.

PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The Census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 8. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 9 and 10. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 4 page 3 thereof. Relevant figures are as follows:-

AUSTRALIA : (Thousands)

(EXCLUDING employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1954		1955				
	Nov.	Dec.	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
MALES							
1. In Private Employment	1381.2	1384.3	1401.3	1405.4	1406.5	1416.7	1416.1
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	29.9	29.9	30.8	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7
Other	127.4	127.6	130.4	130.0	130.1	131.1	131.1
State and Semi-Governmental	363.8	364.4	(c) 372.0	371.9	369.7	368.5	369.5
Local Authorities	62.5	62.8	65.1	65.1	64.7	65.1	65.2
2. Total Governmental	583.6	584.7	(c) 598.3	597.7	595.2	595.4	596.5
3. <u>Grand Total in Civilian</u>	1964.8	1969.0	(c) 1999.6	2003.1	2001.7	2012.1	2012.6
<u>Employment</u>							
4. Defence Forces (Permanent,							
Oversea and National							
Service Trainees in Camp)(b)	52.5	50.1	60.2	60.1	60.0	51.9	49.8
5. Total, Civilian Employees,	2017.3	2019.1	(c) 2059.8	2063.2	2061.7	2064.0	2062.4
Defence Forces and Trainees							
FEMALES							
1. In Private Employment	610.5	615.6	616.7	620.2	623.8	631.2	634.2
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	6.5	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1
Other	36.7	35.9	37.9	37.6	37.5	38.4	37.5
State and Semi-Governmental	68.3	68.3	73.5	73.3	73.5	73.5	73.4
Local Authorities	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.0
2. Total Governmental	117.0	116.3	124.2	123.7	124.0	124.9	124.0
3. <u>Grand Total in Civilian</u>	727.5	731.9	740.9	743.9	747.8	756.1	758.2
<u>Employment</u>							
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and							
Oversea)	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0
5. Total, Civilian Employees and	729.6	733.9	743.1	746.0	749.8	758.1	760.2
Defence Forces							
PERSONS							
1. In Private Employment	1991.7	1999.9	2018.0	2025.6	2030.3	2047.9	2050.3
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	36.4	36.4	37.8	37.7	37.8	37.8	37.8
Other	164.1	163.5	168.3	167.6	167.6	169.5	168.6
State and Semi-Governmental	432.1	432.7	(c) 445.5	445.2	443.2	442.0	442.9
Local Authorities	68.0	68.4	70.9	70.9	70.6	71.0	71.2
2. Total Governmental	700.6	701.0	(c) 722.5	721.4	719.2	720.3	720.5
3. <u>Grand Total in Civilian</u>	2692.3	2700.9	(c) 2740.5	2747.0	2749.5	2768.2	2770.8
<u>Employment</u>							
4. Defence Forces (Permanent,							
Oversea and National							
Service Trainees in Camp)(b)	54.6	52.1	62.4	62.2	62.0	53.9	51.8
5. Total, Civilian Employees,	2746.9	2753.0	(c) 2802.9	2809.2	2811.5	2822.1	2822.6
Defence Forces and Trainees							

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

TABLE 1 : PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1316.3	1365.2	(a) 1399.9	562.8	593.7	615.1	1879.1	1958.9	(a) 2015.0
August	1319.4	1366.9	1401.3	565.0	594.5	616.7	1884.4	1961.4	2018.0
September	1323.6	1371.2	1405.4	569.1	598.5	620.2	1892.7	1969.7	2025.6
October	1330.4	1374.1	1406.5	574.5	602.2	623.8	1904.9	1976.3	2030.3
November	1337.9	1381.2	1416.7	582.7	610.5	631.2	1920.6	1991.7	2047.9
December	1340.9	1384.3	1416.1	590.0	615.6	634.2	1930.9	1999.9	2050.3
January	1344.2	1382.4		587.0	608.0		1931.2	1990.4	
February	1348.8	1388.2		588.3	613.5		1937.1	2001.7	
March	1356.2	1393.9		593.7	616.2		1949.9	2010.1	
April	1358.3	1395.5		593.1	614.6		1951.4	2010.1	
May	1361.9	1398.5		592.7	615.4		1954.6	2013.9	
June	1367.0	1401.4		593.0	615.7		1960.0	2017.1	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 2 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES - AUSTRALIA
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	566.1	582.1	(a) 596.1	112.5	115.4	123.6	678.6	697.5	(a) 719.7
August	566.8	582.4	(a) 598.3	112.5	116.0	124.2	679.3	698.4	(a) 722.5
September	566.7	581.9	597.7	112.4	116.1	123.7	679.1	698.0	721.4
October	567.4	581.1	595.2	111.8	116.5	124.0	679.2	697.6	719.2
November	568.7	583.6	595.4	111.9	117.0	124.9	680.6	700.6	720.3
December	569.9	584.7	596.5	111.3	116.3	124.0	681.2	701.0	720.5
January	568.1	586.0		110.7	116.2		678.8	702.2	
February	571.6	589.2		113.0	119.3		684.6	708.5	
March	575.1	592.4		114.2	121.3		689.3	713.7	
April	577.8	595.4		114.4	121.4		692.2	716.8	
May	580.0	597.0		114.6	121.8		694.6	718.8	
June	581.4	599.1		114.5	122.8		695.9	721.9	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1882.4	1947.3	(a) 1996.0	675.3	709.1	738.7	2557.7	2656.4	(a) 2734.7
August	1886.2	1949.3	(a) 1999.6	677.5	710.5	740.9	2563.7	2659.8	(a) 2740.5
September	1890.3	1953.1	2003.1	681.5	714.6	743.9	2571.8	2667.7	2747.0
October	1897.8	1955.2	2001.7	686.3	718.7	747.8	2584.1	2673.9	2749.5
November	1906.6	1964.8	2012.1	694.6	727.5	756.1	2601.2	2692.3	2768.2
December	1910.8	1969.0	2012.6	701.3	731.9	758.2	2612.1	2700.9	2770.8
January	1912.3	1968.4		697.7	724.2		2610.0	2692.6	
February	1920.4	1977.4		701.3	732.8		2621.7	2710.2	
March	1931.3	1986.3		707.9	737.5		2639.2	2723.8	
April	1936.1	1990.9		707.5	736.0		2643.6	2726.9	
May	1941.9	1995.5		707.3	737.2		2649.2	2732.7	
June	1948.4	2000.5		707.5	738.5		2655.9	2739.0	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 4 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp) (a)
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	66.0	61.5	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	68.0	63.5	62.0
August	65.5	61.5	60.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	67.5	63.5	62.4
September	62.8	60.8	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	64.8	62.9	62.2
October	62.5	60.5	60.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.5	62.6	62.0
November	57.0	52.5	51.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	59.0	54.6	53.9
December	52.5	50.1	49.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	54.5	52.1	51.8
January	62.7	60.1		2.0	2.0		64.7	62.1	
February	62.3	60.1		2.0	2.1		64.3	62.2	
March	61.3	57.9		1.9	2.1		63.2	60.0	
April	59.8	58.9		2.0	2.1		61.8	61.0	
May	61.0	59.1		1.9	2.1		62.9	61.2	
June	60.1	57.7		2.0	2.1		62.1	59.8	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural Workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 5 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1948.4	2008.8	(a) 2055.9	677.3	711.1	740.8	2625.7	2719.9	(a) 2796.7
August	1951.7	2010.8	(a) 2059.8	679.5	712.5	743.1	2631.2	2723.3	(a) 2802.9
September	1953.1	2013.9	2063.2	683.5	716.7	746.0	2636.6	2730.6	2809.2
October	1960.3	2015.7	2061.7	688.3	720.8	749.8	2648.6	2736.5	2811.5
November	1963.6	2017.3	2064.0	696.6	729.6	758.1	2660.2	2746.9	2822.1
December	1963.3	2019.1	2062.4	703.3	733.9	760.2	2666.6	2753.0	2822.6
January	1975.0	2028.5		699.7	726.2		2674.7	2754.7	
February	1982.7	2037.5		703.3	734.9		2686.0	2772.4	
March	1992.6	2044.2		709.8	739.6		2702.4	2783.8	
April	1995.9	2049.8		709.5	738.1		2705.4	2787.9	
May	2002.9	2054.6		709.2	739.3		2712.1	2793.9	
June	2008.5	2058.2		709.5	740.6		2718.0	2798.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 6 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Thousands)

Month		Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
		Males			Females			Persons			
		Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	
1939	July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941	July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942	June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943	June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944	June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945	June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946	June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947	June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948	June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949	May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950	June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951	June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952	June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953	June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954	June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1955	June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
1953	Nov.	568.7	1,337.9	1,906.6	111.9	582.7	694.6	680.6	1,920.6	2,601.2	59.0
	Dec.	569.9	1,340.9	1,910.8	111.3	590.0	701.3	681.2	1,930.9	2,612.1	54.5
1954	Jan.	568.1	1,344.2	1,912.3	110.7	587.0	697.7	678.8	1,931.2	2,610.0	64.7
	Feb.	571.6	1,348.8	1,920.4	113.0	588.3	701.3	684.6	1,937.1	2,621.7	64.3
	Mar.	575.1	1,356.2	1,931.3	114.2	593.7	707.9	689.3	1,949.9	2,639.2	63.2
	Apr.	577.8	1,358.3	1,936.1	114.4	593.1	707.5	692.2	1,951.4	2,643.6	61.8
	May	580.0	1,361.9	1,941.9	114.6	592.7	707.3	694.6	1,954.6	2,649.2	62.9
	June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
	July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	115.4	593.7	709.1	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	63.5
	Aug.	582.4	1,366.9	1,949.3	116.0	594.5	710.5	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	63.5
	Sept.	581.9	1,371.2	1,953.1	116.1	598.5	714.6	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	62.9
	Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	116.5	602.2	718.7	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	62.6
	Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	117.0	610.5	727.5	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	54.6
	Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	116.3	615.6	731.9	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	52.1
1955	Jan.	586.0	1,382.4	1,968.4	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.2	1,990.4	2,692.6	62.1
	Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	119.3	613.5	732.8	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	62.2
	Mar.	592.4	1,393.9	1,986.3	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.7	2,010.1	2,723.8	60.0
	Apr.	595.4	1,395.5	1,990.9	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.8	2,010.1	2,726.9	61.0
	May	597.0	1,398.5	1,995.5	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.8	2,013.9	2,732.7	61.2
	June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
	July (e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	123.6	615.1	738.7	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	62.0
	Aug. (e)	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4
	Sept.	597.7	1,405.4	2,003.1	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.4	2,025.6	2,747.0	62.2
	Oct.	595.2	1,406.5	2,001.7	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.2	2,030.3	2,749.5	62.0
	Nov.	595.4	1,416.7	2,012.1	124.9	631.2	756.1	720.3	2,047.9	2,768.2	53.9
	Dec.	596.5	1,416.1	2,012.6	124.0	634.2	758.2	720.5	2,050.3	2,770.8	51.8

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded. (c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951.

(e) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 7 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, DECEMBER, 1955.

STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt.		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total		M	F	M	F	M	F	P
	M	F	M	F	M	F							
New South Wales	9.3	1.1	46.1	13.7	55.4	14.8	133.2	25.2	26.5	2.8	215.1	42.8	257.9
Victoria	15.9	5.0	34.6	10.6	50.5	15.6	94.9	22.4	12.8	1.5	158.2	39.5	197.7
Queensland	1.2	0.2	16.6	4.5	17.8	4.7	53.7	7.3	17.3	0.9	88.8	12.9	101.7
South Australia	3.3	0.6	12.2	2.9	15.5	3.5	37.5	8.7	2.9	0.3	55.9	12.5	68.4
West. Australia	0.7	0.1	8.4	2.0	9.1	2.1	37.1	6.2	3.5	0.3	49.7	8.6	58.3
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.1	1.1	4.2	1.2	13.1	3.6	2.2	0.2	19.5	5.0	24.5
Northern Terr.	0.1	..	2.2	0.5	2.3	0.5	..	..	..	..	2.3	0.5	2.8
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	..	6.9	2.2	7.0	2.2	..	..	..	..	7.0	2.2	9.2
Total, December	30.7	7.1	131.1	37.5	161.8	44.6	369.5	73.4	65.2	6.0	596.5	124.0	720.5
Total, November	30.7	7.1	131.1	38.4	161.8	45.5	368.5	73.5	65.1	5.9	595.4	124.9	720.3

(a) See note (a) to Table 6 on previous page.

TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

State or Territory	May 1949 (a)	June 1950	June 1951	June 1952	June 1953	June 1954	June 1955	Nov. 1955	Dec. 1955
MALES									
New South Wales	721.4	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	784.1	786.1
Victoria	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	559.9	561.1
Queensland	239.8	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	273.9	269.0
South Australia	155.0	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	180.2	181.4
West. Australia	112.8	120.5	125.3	(b) 126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	137.0	137.5
Tasmania	57.4	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	63.3	63.7
Northern Terr.	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.8	8.9
Australia:	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	2012.1	2012.6

FEMALES

New South Wales	269.9	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	301.5	303.4
Victoria	202.5	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	230.7	229.9
Queensland	80.1	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	91.1	91.0
South Australia	52.2	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	62.6	63.2
West. Australia	37.8	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	44.4	44.5
Tasmania	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	21.8	22.2
Northern Terr.	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.9
Australia:	664.1	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	756.1	758.2

PERSONS

New South Wales	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	1085.6	1089.5
Victoria	691.8	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	790.6	791.0
Queensland	319.9	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	365.0	360.0
South Australia	207.2	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	242.8	244.6
West. Australia	150.6	160.4	166.9	(b) 166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	181.4	182.0
Tasmania	76.2	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	85.1	85.9
Northern Terr.	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.7	11.8
Australia:	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	2768.2	2770.8

(a) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949.

(b) Affected by industrial disputes.

II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)
 (Thousands)

Industrial Group	Nov., 1954	Dec., 1954	Sept., 1955	Oct., 1955	Nov., 1955	Dec., 1955
MALES						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	26.3	26.4	26.9	26.7	26.7	26.7
Mining -						
Gold	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.3
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.4	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.9
Coal	29.2	29.1	28.4	28.1	28.1	27.8
Other (incl. Quarries)	11.7	11.6	12.2	12.1	12.2	12.2
Total Mining and Quarrying	57.7	57.6	58.2	57.6	57.7	57.2
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	703.6	702.4	717.4	718.7	722.4	718.5
Other (b)	61.0	61.2	62.8	62.8	62.9	62.9
Total Manufacturing	764.6	763.6	780.2	781.5	785.3	781.4
Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	90.0	88.8	93.8	93.7	94.6	92.8
Other (d)	113.4	112.2	116.4	114.6	113.5	112.2
Total Building and Construction	203.4	201.0	210.2	208.3	208.1	205.0
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	82.6	82.8	84.9	84.8	85.3	85.5
Shipping and Stevedoring	49.5	50.0	51.2	50.0	51.1	50.9
Rail and Air Transport	107.0	107.5	108.2	107.6	107.2	107.7
Communication	62.4	62.4	64.3	64.5	65.0	64.8
Total Transport, etc.	301.5	302.7	308.6	306.9	308.6	308.9
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	58.0	58.4	59.5	59.4	59.4	59.9
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	120.7	121.0	124.2	124.2	125.0	125.8
Primary Produce Agencies	25.0	25.6	24.5	25.6	26.1	26.6
Retail Trade	131.7	134.9	128.9	129.5	131.9	135.6
Total Commerce	277.4	281.5	277.6	279.3	283.0	288.0
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	97.8	98.2	99.5	99.5	99.7	100.1
Other						
Law and Order	20.1	20.1	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.4
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.1	26.4	26.5
Education	37.1	37.0	38.8	38.8	38.8	39.2
Other Professional	12.3	12.3	13.2	13.1	13.4	13.5
Entertainment, Sport	18.2	18.4	18.2	18.1	18.1	18.1
Personal Service (e)	53.2	54.5	54.4	54.7	55.1	56.3
Total Other	178.1	179.6	182.4	182.5	183.6	185.4
TOTAL:	1964.8	1969.0	2003.1	2001.7	2012.1	2012.6
FEMALES						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Mining and Quarrying	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	224.6	224.4	226.9	228.7	228.8	227.6
Other (b)	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4
Total Manufacturing	231.6	231.5	234.2	236.0	236.1	235.0
Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	8.5	8.5	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5
Rail and Air Transport	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.4
Communication	18.8	18.1	18.8	19.0	19.9	19.0
Total Transport, etc.	37.7	37.1	38.6	39.0	40.0	39.1

For notes see page 9.

TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA (Continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	Nov., 1954	Dec., 1954	Sept., 1955	Oct., 1955	Nov., 1955	Dec., 1955
FEMALES (Continued)						
<u>Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>	35.3	35.6	38.2	38.4	38.5	38.8
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	38.3	38.0	40.2	40.2	40.3	40.5
Primary Produce Agencies	5.6	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
Retail Trade	123.8	128.3	122.1	123.3	128.8	132.3
<u>Total Commerce</u>	167.7	171.8	168.1	169.3	174.9	178.6
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	27.7	27.7	28.6	28.3	28.4	28.5
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	9.1	9.1	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6
Religion and Social Welfare	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	71.5	71.4	74.6	74.7	75.1	74.7
Education	45.2	45.2	48.1	48.2	48.2	48.4
Other Professional	9.6	9.7	9.9	9.9	10.1	10.1
Entertainment, Sport	8.8	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.0
Personal Service (e)	68.5	69.0	70.1	70.5	71.2	71.2
<u>Total Other</u>	221.6	222.3	230.0	230.6	232.0	232.0
<u>TOTAL</u>	727.5	731.9	743.9	747.8	756.1	758.2
PERSONS						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.5	26.6	27.1	26.9	26.9	26.9
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.4
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.6	9.7	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.2
Coal	29.4	29.3	28.6	28.3	28.3	28.0
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.1	12.0	12.7	12.6	12.7	12.7
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	58.7	58.6	59.3	58.7	58.8	58.3
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	928.2	926.8	944.3	947.4	951.2	946.1
Other (b)	68.0	68.3	70.1	70.1	70.2	70.3
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	996.2	995.1	1014.4	1017.5	1021.4	1016.4
<u>Building and Construction (inc. repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (privately employed) (c)	92.6	91.4	96.6	96.5	97.4	95.6
Other (d)	115.5	114.3	118.5	116.7	115.6	114.3
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	208.1	205.7	215.1	213.2	213.0	209.9
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	91.1	91.3	94.0	93.9	94.5	94.7
Shipping and Stevedoring	51.9	52.4	53.6	52.5	53.6	53.4
Rail and Air Transport	115.0	115.6	116.5	116.0	115.6	116.1
Communication	81.2	80.5	83.1	83.5	84.9	83.8
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	339.2	339.8	347.2	345.9	348.6	348.0
<u>Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>	93.3	94.0	97.7	97.8	97.9	98.7
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	159.0	159.0	164.4	164.4	165.3	166.3
Primary Produce Agencies	30.6	31.1	30.3	31.4	31.9	32.4
Retail Trade	255.5	263.2	251.0	252.8	260.7	267.9
<u>Total Commerce</u>	445.1	453.3	445.7	448.6	457.9	466.6
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	125.5	125.9	128.1	127.8	128.1	128.6
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	29.2	29.2	29.8	29.8	30.0	30.0
Religion and Social Welfare	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	97.3	97.3	100.7	100.8	101.5	101.2
Education	82.3	82.2	86.9	87.0	87.0	87.6
Other Professional	21.9	22.0	23.1	23.0	23.5	23.6
Entertainment, Sport	27.0	27.4	27.0	26.9	26.9	27.1
Personal Service (e)	121.7	123.5	124.5	125.2	126.3	127.5
<u>Total Other</u>	399.7	401.9	412.4	413.1	415.6	417.4
<u>TOTAL</u>	2692.3	2700.9	2747.0	2749.5	2768.2	2770.8

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TABLE 10 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - DECEMBER, 1955

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (f)
MALES							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.5	5.8	5.8	1.8	2.3	2.1	26.7
Mining and Quarrying	29.6	5.0	9.5	1.7	7.9	3.0	57.2
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	294.4	226.4	71.1	70.6	36.2	19.8	718.5
Other (b)	27.0	18.3	10.6	2.6	2.5	0.6	62.9
Total Manufacturing:	321.4	244.7	81.7	73.2	38.7	20.4	781.4
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	71.5	52.0	35.0	18.9	15.2	8.9	205.0
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.3	11.3	9.2	5.9	4.8	2.3	50.9
Rail and Air Transport	39.7	22.1	21.7	9.9	11.2	2.6	107.7
Other Transport and Communication	60.4	38.8	24.0	12.8	9.2	4.4	150.3
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	23.3	18.1	8.1	5.0	3.8	1.6	59.9
Retail Trade	54.6	38.5	15.8	12.6	10.0	3.7	135.6
Wholesale and Other Commerce	51.8	43.6	21.6	15.4	15.1	4.6	152.4
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.6	28.4	11.8	7.9	7.4	3.7	100.1
Other Industries (g)	71.4	52.8	24.8	16.3	11.9	6.4	185.4
TOTAL MALES:	786.1	561.1	269.0	181.4	137.5	63.7	2012.6
FEMALES							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	97.9	88.4	13.9	16.7	6.1	4.6	227.6
Other (b)	1.1	2.3	2.9	0.1	0.9	..	7.4
Total Manufacturing:	99.0	90.7	16.8	16.8	7.0	4.6	235.0
Rail and Air Transport	3.9	2.0	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.4
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.4	9.3	4.6	2.6	1.4	1.2	30.7
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	17.3	10.7	4.5	3.2	2.2	0.9	38.8
Retail Trade	51.4	35.0	16.7	13.7	10.5	4.6	132.3
Wholesale and Other Commerce	18.0	12.3	7.3	4.1	3.6	1.0	46.3
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	10.9	7.0	4.5	1.7	2.0	1.0	28.5
Other Industries (g)	91.5	62.9	35.4	20.4	17.4	8.8	238.2
TOTAL FEMALES:	303.4	229.9	91.0	63.2	44.5	22.2	758.2
PERSONS							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.6	5.9	5.8	1.8	2.3	2.1	26.9
Mining and Quarrying	29.9	5.1	9.8	1.8	8.1	3.1	58.3
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	392.3	314.8	85.0	87.3	42.3	24.4	946.1
Other (b)	28.1	20.6	13.5	2.7	3.4	0.6	70.3
Total Manufacturing:	420.4	335.4	98.5	90.0	45.7	25.0	1016.4
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	73.6	53.3	35.6	19.4	15.5	9.0	209.9
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.4	11.9	9.5	6.1	5.0	2.4	53.4
Rail and Air Transport	43.6	24.1	22.9	10.6	11.6	2.7	116.1
Other Transport and Communication	70.7	47.5	28.3	15.2	10.4	5.5	178.5
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	40.6	28.8	12.6	8.2	6.0	2.5	98.7
Retail Trade	106.0	73.5	32.5	26.3	20.5	8.3	267.9
Wholesale and Other Commerce	69.8	55.9	28.9	19.5	18.7	5.6	198.7
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.5	35.4	16.3	9.6	9.4	4.7	128.6
Other Industries (g)	160.4	114.2	59.3	36.1	28.8	15.0	417.4
TOTAL PERSONS:	1089.5	791.0	360.0	244.6	182.0	85.9	2770.8

For notes see page 9.

NOTES TO TABLES 9 AND 10

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc.. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further "..... the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff". The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The Survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 11 and 13 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 15. In continuation of the earlier practice this table is confined to the five mainland States. At the present stage figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.

TABLE 11 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a) :

SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1955 January	367,945	117,016	484,961	..	..	..
February	372,085	119,410	491,495	+ 1.1	+ 2.0	+ 1.3
March	373,164	119,059	492,223	+ 0.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
April	373,064	116,257	489,321	-	- 2.4	- 0.6
May	373,791	115,647	489,438	+ 0.2	- 0.5	-
June	376,399	116,065	492,464	+ 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
July	377,061	115,364	492,425	+ 0.2	- 0.6	-
August	377,577	115,765	493,342	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
September	378,632	117,023	495,655	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 0.5
October	379,700	117,443	497,143	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
November	380,362	117,240	497,602	+ 0.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1
December	378,936	118,148	497,084	- 0.4	+ 0.8	- 0.1
1956 January	374,671	116,060	490,731	- 1.1	- 1.8	- 1.3

(a) As the number of reporting factories in the collection varies from year to year, the figures in tables 11 - 15 are not comparable with those published in previous Bulletins. The figures now published for 1955 have been adjusted to make them comparable with the 1956 collection.

TABLE 12 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a) :

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955				1956	Nov. - Dec., 1955	Dec., 1955 - Jan., 1956
	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.		
MALES							
New South Wales	147,770	149,779	150,365	151,067	151,890	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Victoria	111,892	113,865	114,177	114,025	113,853	- 0.1	- 0.2
Queensland	35,772	43,027	42,653	40,058	34,694	- 6.1	-13.4
South Australia	41,959	42,481	42,453	42,570	42,831	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Western Australia	18,332	18,475	18,554	18,760	18,519	+ 1.1	- 1.3
Tasmania	12,220	12,073	12,160	12,456	12,884	+ 2.4	+ 3.4
TOTAL	367,945	379,700	380,362	378,936	374,671	- 0.4	- 1.1
FEMALES							
New South Wales	45,376	47,256	47,163	47,268	46,221	+ 0.2	- 2.2
Victoria	46,016	44,947	45,036	44,850	44,703	- 0.4	- 0.3
Queensland	8,438	8,826	8,593	8,443	7,156	- 1.7	-15.2
South Australia	9,438	9,044	8,998	9,825	9,946	+ 9.2	+ 1.2
Western Australia	3,951	3,718	3,735	3,732	3,631	- 0.1	- 2.7
Tasmania	3,797	3,652	3,715	4,030	4,403	+ 8.5	+ 9.3
TOTAL	117,016	117,443	117,240	118,148	116,060	+ 0.8	- 1.8
PERSONS							
New South Wales	193,146	197,035	197,528	198,335	198,111	+ 0.4	- 0.1
Victoria	157,908	158,812	159,213	158,875	158,556	- 0.2	- 0.2
Queensland	44,210	51,853	51,246	48,501	41,850	- 5.4	-13.7
South Australia	51,397	51,525	51,451	52,395	52,777	+ 1.8	+ 0.7
Western Australia	22,283	22,193	22,289	22,492	22,150	+ 0.9	- 1.5
Tasmania	16,017	15,725	15,875	16,486	17,287	+ 3.8	+ 4.9
TOTAL	484,961	497,143	497,602	497,084	490,731	- 0.1	- 1.3

(a) See note to Table 11.

TABLE 13 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a), EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES
SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1955 January	318,067	99,190	417,257	"..	"..	"..
February	319,937	99,631	419,568	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
March	321,481	99,897	421,378	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
April	321,951	99,722	421,673	+ 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
May	322,171	99,627	421,798	+ 0.1	- 0.1	-
June	323,269	100,169	423,438	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
July	323,558	100,156	423,714	+ 0.1	-	+ 0.1
August	323,668	100,442	424,110	-	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
September	323,973	101,497	425,470	+ 0.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
October	323,858	101,676	425,534	-	+ 0.2	-
November	324,680	101,602	426,282	+ 0.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
December	324,955	101,114	426,069	+ 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.1
1956 January	325,683	99,242	424,925	+ 0.2	- 1.9	- 0.3

(a) See note to Table 11.

TABLE 14 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a), EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES
STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955				1956	Nov. - Dec., 1955	Dec. 1955 Jan., 1956
	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.		
MALES							
New South Wales	133,687	135,723	136,489	136,977	137,691	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Victoria	96,265	98,479	98,608	98,489	99,209	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Queensland	25,114	25,673	25,592	25,511	24,709	- 0.3	- 3.1
South Australia	37,308	37,892	37,937	37,752	37,910	- 0.5	+ 0.4
Western Australia	15,771	15,994	15,933	16,104	15,969	+ 1.1	- 0.8
Tasmania	9,922	10,097	10,121	10,122	10,195	-	+ 0.7
TOTAL	318,067	323,858	324,680	324,955	325,683	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
FEMALES							
New South Wales	39,558	41,317	41,192	40,913	40,267	- 0.7	- 1.6
Victoria	39,340	39,919	39,977	39,865	39,764	- 0.3	- 0.3
Queensland	6,893	6,964	6,864	6,796	5,710	- 1.0	-16.0
South Australia	7,660	7,752	7,790	7,760	7,743	- 0.4	- 0.2
Western Australia	3,052	2,851	2,860	2,856	2,770	- 0.1	- 3.0
Tasmania	2,687	2,873	2,919	2,924	2,988	+ 0.1	+ 2.2
TOTAL	99,190	101,676	101,602	101,114	99,242	- 0.5	- 1.9
PERSONS							
New South Wales	173,245	177,040	177,681	177,890	177,958	+ 0.1	-
Victoria	135,605	138,398	138,585	138,354	138,973	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Queensland	32,007	32,637	32,456	32,307	30,419	- 0.5	- 5.8
South Australia	44,968	45,644	45,727	45,512	45,653	- 0.5	+ 0.3
Western Australia	18,823	18,845	18,793	18,960	18,739	+ 0.9	- 1.2
Tasmania	12,609	12,970	13,040	13,046	13,183	-	+ 1.1
TOTAL	417,257	425,534	426,282	426,069	424,925	- 0.1	- 0.3

(a) See note to Table 11.

TABLE 15 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a) - FIVE MAINLAND STATES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPING						
Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	Jan., 1955	Nov., 1955	Dec., 1955	Jan., 1956	Nov. - Dec., 1955	Dec., 1955 -Jan., 1956
MALES						
1. Building Materials	34,165	34,344	34,487	34,372	+ 0.4	- 0.3
2. Basic Metals	37,252	37,572	37,883	38,403	+ 0.8	+ 1.4
3. Transportation Equipment	57,174	60,339	60,244	61,142	- 0.2	+ 1.5
4. Other Metal Manufactures	83,600	85,861	85,702	85,077	- 0.2	- 0.7
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	17,521	18,271	18,264	18,439	-	+ 1.0
6. Clothing and Textiles	33,489	32,451	32,469	32,332	-	- 0.4
7. Food	47,580	53,643	51,647	46,299	- 3.7	-10.4
8. All Other	44,944	45,721	45,784	45,723	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Total - All Groups	355,725	368,202	366,480	361,787	- 0.5	- 1.3
Total - Excluding Food	308,145	314,559	314,833	315,488	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
FEMALES						
1. Building Materials	2,822	3,045	3,048	3,035	+ 0.1	- 0.4
2. Basic Metals	1,990	1,969	1,987	2,022	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
3. Transportation Equipment	5,104	5,508	5,525	5,584	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
4. Other Metal Manufactures	16,856	18,865	18,714	18,130	- 0.8	- 3.1
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,135	4,351	4,316	4,265	- 0.8	- 1.2
6. Clothing and Textiles	53,189	51,799	51,584	50,469	- 0.4	- 2.2
7. Food	16,716	14,842	15,928	15,403	+ 7.3	- 3.3
8. All Other	12,407	13,146	13,016	12,749	- 1.0	- 2.1
Total - All Groups	113,219	113,525	114,118	111,657	+ 0.5	- 2.2
Total - Excluding Food	96,503	98,683	98,190	96,254	- 0.5	- 2.0

(a) See note to Table 11.

IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 16 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)
Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1953 - Sept. Quarter	2,445	2,479
1946-47	1,037	1,056	Dec. "	2,436	2,477
1947-48	1,164	1,206	1954 - March Quarter	2,491	2,552
1948-49	1,322	1,365	June "	2,477	2,534
1949-50	1,451	1,505	Sept. "	2,522	2,609
			Dec. "	2,524	2,588
1950-51	1,742	1,810	1955 - March Quarter	2,589	2,705
1951-52	2,145	2,213	June "	2,652	2,730
1952-53	2,350	2,394	Sept. "	2,689	2,767
1953-54	2,462	2,511	Dec. "	2,731	(c)
1954-55	2,572	2,658			

(a) Includes Salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Not yet available.

NOTE:- The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1953-54 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1954 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 17 : AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is shown in Table 16.

Period	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000)							
1948-49	8,133	5,540	2,503	1,644	1,120	580	19,520
1949-50	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1953-54							
September Quarter	15,654	11,059	4,970	3,483	2,560	1,218	38,944
December "	16,753	11,748	5,225	3,640	2,672	1,296	41,334
March "	15,303	10,796	4,818	3,447	2,467	1,250	38,081
June "	16,463	11,619	5,245	3,673	2,644	1,356	41,000
1954-55							
September Quarter	16,765	11,848	5,344	3,750	2,729	1,277	41,713
December "	17,918	12,440	5,612	3,862	2,773	1,345	43,950
March "	16,511	11,678	5,017	3,712	2,610	1,346	40,874
June "	18,235	12,916	5,619	4,033	2,813	1,492	45,108
1955-56							
September Quarter	18,454	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,464
December "	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£) (c)							
1948-49	8.73	8.84	7.63	8.03	7.75	7.56	8.44
1949-50	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1953-54							
September Quarter	16.01	16.18	13.81	15.19	15.08	14.45	15.55
December "	16.87	16.99	14.58	15.81	15.60	15.23	16.33
March "	15.33	15.44	13.47	14.67	14.29	14.48	14.94
June "	16.38	16.48	14.33	15.52	15.20	15.51	15.93
1954-55							
September Quarter	16.60	16.76	14.41	15.86	15.62	14.91	16.14
December "	17.53	17.45	15.14	16.26	15.78	15.51	16.86
March "	16.07	16.20	13.59	15.50	14.86	15.20	15.59
June "	17.64	17.81	14.90	16.73	15.92	16.76	17.07
1955-56							
September Quarter	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16
December "	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE:- Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

TABLE 18 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES
INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N. S. W.	Vic.	Q'd.	S. A.	W. A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
30TH NOVEMBER, 1955							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	344	323	308	318	339	330	330
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	328	316	314	311	340	331	321
III. Food, Drink, etc.	328	331	302	322	328	333	324
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	314	315	321	321	325	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	375	371	354	355	391	374	370
VI. Other Manufacturing	330	318	298	319	324	328	322
VII. Building	377	357	339	339	356	344	360
VIII. Mining (c)	337	332	319	303	358	325	335
IX. Rail and Tram Services	350	340	315	316	330	334	337
X. Other Land Transport	327	306	289	301	328	316	314
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	346	348	343	345	345	346	346
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	387	351	349	338	358	373	364
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	315	309	279	286	305	296	305
XIV. Miscellaneous	326	319	293	293	318	307	315
All Groups (b)	346	331	317	317	340	337	334
31ST DECEMBER, 1955.							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	344	323	308	318	339	330	330
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	328	316	317	311	340	331	322
III. Food, Drink, etc.	328	331	303	322	328	333	324
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	314	315	321	321	325	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	375	371	354	355	391	374	370
VI. Other Manufacturing	330	319	298	319	325	328	322
VII. Building	377	357	339	339	356	344	360
VIII. Mining (c)	337	332	319	303	358	325	335
IX. Rail and Tram Services	350	340	315	316	330	334	337
X. Other Land Transport	327	306	289	301	328	316	314
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	346	348	343	345	345	346	346
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	387	351	349	338	358	373	364
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	315	309	279	286	305	296	305
XIV. Miscellaneous	326	319	293	293	318	307	315
All Groups (b)	346	331	318	317	340	337	334

(a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are those prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State and exclude district allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(d) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than master, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied.

(e) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based include the value of keep, where supplied.

TABLE 19 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rates for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
" " 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
" " 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
" " 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
30th June, 1954	346	337	322	327	352	341	339
30th September, 1954	346	336	323	327	352	341	339
31st December, 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
31st March, 1955	355	344	328	335	356	349	346
30th June, 1955	355	348	328	336	363	350	348
30th September, 1955	356	351	331	336	370	350	350
31st December, 1955	369	355	334	337	370	350	357

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI (Shipping, etc.) and XII (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changed in industrial structure. (b) Weighted average.

V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 20 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1955) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	TAS.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1955 June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
1955 February	1,135	363	2,371	57	147	46	3,173	946	4,119
March	1,242	286	2,347	45	131	35	3,143	943	4,086
April	1,116	288	1,799	52	157	41	2,495	958	3,453
May	1,053	335	1,140	63	171	32	1,834	960	2,794
June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
July	1,070	335	615	55	268	67	1,381	1,029	2,410
August	901	367	539	50	248	83	1,324	864	2,188
September	707	327	425	37	256	80	1,136	696	1,832
October	660	294	427	46	215	85	1,067	660	1,727
November	645	277	431	44	216	64	1,046	631	1,677
December	966	356	1,442	56	377	48	2,546	699	3,245
1956 January	1,322	359	2,561	46	414	40	3,958	784	4,742

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

VI. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

Comparative figures for earlier years and explanations of terms used in this Section will be found in Chapter IV of Labour Report No. 42, 1953

TABLE 21 : INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (INVOLVING STOPPAGE OF WORK) - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES

Quarter ended 31st December, 1955 (a)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
<u>Number of Disputes</u>							
I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	20	2	2	1	-	-	25
III. Food, drink, etc.	5	-	13	-	1	-	19
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V. Books, printing, etc.	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
VI. Other manufacturing	12	4	3	-	-	1	20
VII. Building	13	2	1	-	-	-	16
VIII. (i) Coal mining	155	-	9	-	2	-	166
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
IX. Railway and tramway services	8	-	2	-	-	-	10
X. Other land transport	2	-	1	-	-	-	3
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	16	3	32	5	4	10	72
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	7	-	2	-	-	-	10
<u>TOTAL :</u>	242	11	65	6	7	11	345
<u>Workers Involved</u>							
I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	2,560	68	128	9	-	-	2,765
III. Food, drink, etc.	800	-	5,544	-	133	-	6,477
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V. Books, printing, etc.	788	-	-	-	-	-	788
VI. Other manufacturing	1,991	3,164	429	-	-	20	5,604
VII. Building	3,090	84	40	-	-	-	3,214
VIII. (i) Coal mining	32,836	-	645	-	620	-	34,101
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	14	-	-	-	-	-	14
IX. Railway and tramway services	656	-	20,030	-	-	-	20,686
X. Other land transport	4,872	-	779	-	-	-	5,651
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	10,430	5,150	10,810	6,027	3,099	3,093	38,834
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	1,610	-	890	-	-	-	2,592
<u>TOTAL:</u>	59,647	8,466	39,295	6,036	3,852	3,113	120,726
<u>Working Days Lost</u>							
I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	5,610	97	178	10	-	-	5,895
III. Food, drink, etc.	1,093	-	8,889	-	266	-	10,248
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V. Books, printing, etc.	2,212	-	-	-	-	-	2,212
VI. Other manufacturing	5,212	9,518	650	-	-	50	15,430
VII. Building	7,863	1,488	796	-	-	-	10,147
VIII. (i) Coal mining	55,343	-	1,193	-	1,882	-	58,418
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	28	-	-	-	-	-	28
IX. Railway and tramway services	217	-	3,765	-	-	-	3,982
X. Other land transport	7,347	-	2,927	-	-	-	10,274
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	11,252	7,252	11,221	8,729	2,463	3,003	44,293
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	9,583	-	1,900	-	-	-	11,523
<u>TOTAL:</u>	105,760	18,355	31,519	8,739	4,611	3,053	172,450

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 21 : INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (INVOLVING STOPPAGE OF WORK) - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS -

STATES

Quarter ended 31st December, 1955 (a)
(Continued)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
Estimated Loss in Wages (£)							
I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	18,754	282	519	30	-	-	19,585
III. Food, drink, etc.	3,280	-	25,359	-	684	-	29,323
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V. Books, printing, etc.	6,150	-	-	-	-	-	6,150
VI. Other manufacturing	24,373	36,484	1,770	-	-	150	62,777
VII. Building	32,107	5,800	2,740	-	-	-	40,647
VIII. (i) Coal mining	194,877	-	4,183	-	6,300	-	205,360
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	140	-	-	-	-	-	140
IX. Railway and tramway services	631	-	11,290	-	-	-	11,921
X. Other land transport	23,446	-	9,000	-	-	-	32,446
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	39,289	25,396	39,330	30,585	8,687	10,518	155,110
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	35,872	-	5,800	-	-	-	41,792
TOTAL:	378,919	67,962	99,991	30,615	15,671	10,668	605,251

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 22 : INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers Involved			Working days lost	Estimated loss in wages £
		Directly	Indirectly (a)	Total		
1940	350	178,939	13,658	192,597	1,507,252	1,716,121
1941	567	240,845	7,262	248,107	984,174	1,000,102
1942	602	166,167	3,096	169,263	378,195	456,090
1943	785	288,028	8,075	296,103	990,151	1,153,506
1944	941	260,792	15,566	276,358	912,752	1,111,729
1945	945	299,641	16,297	315,938	2,119,641	2,567,444
1946	869	331,865	16,683	348,548	1,947,844	2,290,147
1947	982	280,718	46,419	327,137	1,338,728	1,898,085
1948	1,141	301,025	16,124	317,149	1,662,686	2,299,114
1949	849	260,720	3,857	264,577	1,333,990	2,611,536
1950	1,276	391,481	40,220	431,701	2,062,888	4,166,418
1951	1,344	380,421	28,171	408,592	872,974	2,256,028
1952	1,627	488,178	17,556	505,734	1,163,504	3,439,850
1953	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,050,830	3,337,437
1954	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	901,639	3,021,211
1955 (b)	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,010,884	3,310,321
1954 - Dec. Quarter	301	78,807	3,876	82,683	338,887	1,166,249
1955 - Mar. Quarter *	383	100,099	8,320	108,419	186,365	613,620
June " *	378	94,149	5,224	99,373	186,956	615,229
Sept. " *	426	110,798	5,331	116,129	465,113	1,476,221
Dec. " (b)	345	119,294	1,432	120,726	172,450	605,251

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Subject to revision. * Revised.

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